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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE IN RESPONSE TO GOC
NOTE ANNOUNCING CLOSURE OF CANADIAN FISHERY WATERS TO US
FISHERMEN. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER NOTE TO APPROPRIATE
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2. BEGIN TEXT:

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COMPLIMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND HAS
THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE DEPARTMENT'S NOTE NO. FLM 0092,
OF JUNE 2, 1978, EXPRESSING THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA'S
INTENTION TO CEASE IMPLEMENTATION ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS
OF THE 1978 INTERIM RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES REGRETS THIS DECISION

BY THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES AND HAS NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE CORRESPONDING ACTION. ACCORDINGLY, CANADIAN FISHING VESSELS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE FISHING IN THE UNITED STATES FISHERY CONSERVATION ZONE AFTER NOON, LOCAL TIME, JUNE 4, 1978, EXCEPT THOSE VESSELS FISHING FOR HALIBUT PURSUANT TO THE CONVENTION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE

HALIBUT FISHERY IN THE NORTHERN PACIFIC OCEAN AND THE BERING SEA OF MARCH 2, 1953, AND THOSE VESSELS FISHING FOR HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES OF TUNA, SINCE THESE TUNA SPECIES ARE EXEMPTED BY THE UNITED STATES FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT OF 1976 AND BY UNITED STATES POLICY FROM COASTAL STATE CONTROL. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ASSUMES THAT UNITED STATES VESSELS WILL BE GRANTED A CORRESPONDING EXCEPTION TO FISH FOR SUCH HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES OF TUNA IN CANADIAN WATERS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE EXPRESSED INTENTION OF THE GOC TO PURSUE RECIPROCAL MEASURES TO AVOID CONFRONTATION IN THE BOUNDARY REGIONS, AND IN THIS CONNECTION WISHES TO STATE ITS INTENTION TO CONFORM TO THE CANADIAN PROPOSAL TO ADOPT FLAG-STATE ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES IN THE BOUNDARY REGIONS ALONG THE LINES OF THE 1977 RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT.

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THE COMMITMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA TO PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES AND RELATED RESOURCE ARRANGEMENTS, AS WELL AS A LONG-TERM SALMON INTERCEPTION AGREEMENT IN AN EFFORT TO CONCLUDE MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE AGREEMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO PROCEED WITH LEGISLATION APPROVING THE 1978 INTERIM RECIPROCAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT IN HOPE THAT BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO RATIFY ITS PROVISIONS WILL BE ATTAINED IN DUE COURSE.

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TAKES THE OCCASION TO RENEW TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END TEXT.

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